



Ministry
of Defence

Navy Command FOI Section
Navy Command Headquarters
MP 1-4, Leach Building
Whale Island
PORTSMOUTH
PO2 8BY

FOI 2015/06437

Telephone [MOD]: [REDACTED]

Facsimile [MOD]: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Via email: via email [REDACTED]

17 Aug 2015

Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

The MOD is now able to make a substantive response to your enquiry emailed to us on 17th July which requested the following information:

"can you provide the average yearly cost of operating a boat from the 1)Astute, 2) Trafalgar and 3) Vanguard classes for the last complete financial year?"

Your inquiry is being treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. It is confirmed the MOD does hold information in scope of your request and our responses is provided below.

The table attached at Annex A to this letter which gives the annual average cost of each class of submarine currently in service with the RN. The table of costs derives from the FY13/14 Total Costs by Class divided by the number of vessels in the class; the assumption made is that all boats are 'Operating' and that none are unavailable due to refit or maintenance..

The following caveats apply to the information provided:

The average annual costs of operating only include those costs which are directly attributable to the submarine's Unit Identity Numbers e.g. Personnel Costs, Fuel, Port Visits, Travel & Subsistence etc.

The average annual costs of operating do not include:

- a. Maritime Domain Maintenance Costs
- b. Central Allowances – Appointing Drafting and Leave (allowances), Continuity of Education Allowance etc

- c. Overheads for common services
- d. Support costs for Naval Bases
- e. Support costs from other MoD Top Level Budget areas
- f. Central costs i.e. IT and Communications
- g. Aircraft costs
- h. Training and generation costs

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact this office in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely

Navy Command Secretariat – FOI Section

Annex A to
FOI 2015/06437
Dated 17Aug 2015

| Class | Average Annual operating cost per submarine (£M) |
|-----------|---|
| ASTUTE | 9.885 |
| TRAFALGAR | 11.709 |
| VANGUARD | 18.567 |